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SUBJ: TURKISH REACTION TO HOUSE PASSAGE OF SECURITY  
ASSISTANCE BILL

REFS: A. STATE 128021 (DTG 031251Z JUN 77),  
B. STATE 121204 (DTG 252238Z MAY 77)

1. TURKISH PERMREP (KIRCA) HAS CIRCULATED AN UNOFFICIAL  
TRANSLATION (PARA 2) OF WHAT HE DESCRIBES AS AN ANNOUNCE-  
MENT MADE BY THE TURKISH FOREIGN MINISTRY REGARDING  
THE MAY 24 FINDLEY MOTION TO RECOMMIT THE SECURITY  
ASSISTANCE BILL (REF B). THE ANNOUNCEMENT AS CIRCULATED  
HERE SUGGESTS THE FINDLEY MOTION WAS A "LAST OPPOR-  
TUNITY, THOUGH MODEST, IN AMELIORATING THE TURKISH-US  
RELATIONSHIP." WE HAVE QUERIED TURKISH DELEGATION IF  
"LAST" IS A TYPO AND IF THE CORRECT WORD IS "LOST"  
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AND HAVE BEEN TOLD THAT IT IS. THE ORIGINAL TURKISH  
WORD TRANSLATES MORE PRECISELY AS "MISSED." WE HAVE  
URGED THE TURKISH DELEGATION TO CIRCULATE A CORRECTION.  
COMMENT: WE UNDERSTAND KIRCA CIRCULATED HIS LETTER  
UNDER INSTRUCTIONS FROM ANKARA. DURING THE PAST YEAR  
OTHER SUCH TURKISH LETTERS AT NATO HAVE BEEN DIRECTED  
TOWARDS GREECE RATHER THAN THE US. END COMMENT.

2. TEXT OF KIRCA LETTER AND ITS ENCLOSURE FOLLOWS:

BEGIN TEXT

MY DEAR MR. SECRETARY GENERAL,

I AM ATTACHING HERewith AN UNOFFICIAL TRANSLATION OF THE ANNOUNCEMENT MADE BY THE TURKISH FOREIGN MINISTRY REGARDING THE DEBATES IN THE US HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON AN AMENDMENT OFFERED TO THE 1978 INTERNATIONAL SECURITY BILL THAT WOULD HAVE SUSPENDED THE PROVISIONS OF A GENERAL EMBARGO ON ARMS ASSISTANCE FOR TURKEY.

I AM COPYING THIS LETTER TO MY COLLEAGUES.

SINCERELY YOURS,

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PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE TURKISH MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

THE US HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES VOTED ON MAY 24, 1977 TO APPROVE THE 1978 INTERNATIONAL SECURITY ASSISTANCE BILL. AMONG OTHER THINGS THE BILL CONTAINS AUTHORIZATION FOR 175 MILLION IN MILITARY CREDITS FOR TURKEY.

ACCORDING TO THE US LEGISLATIVE PROCEEDINGS, THE BILL HAS TO BE FINALIZED BEFORE THE END OF THE FISCAL YEAR, I.E. CONFIDENTIAL

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SEPTEMBER 30, 1977. FROM THEIR WORKING SCHEDULE, IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE CONGRESS WOULD COMPLETE THE PROCEEDINGS ON THE BILL BY END JUNE, 1977. HOWEVER, BASED ON PAST PRACTICE THAT THESE PROCEEDINGS HAVE NOT BEEN COMPLETED AND CONSEQUENTLY IMPLEMENTATIONS HAVE BEEN CARRIED OUT BY PROVISIONAL AUTHORIZATIONS, THE COMPETENT US OFFICIALS ARE UNABLE YET TO CONFIRM THAT THE PRESENT BILL WILL BE FINALIZED AS PREDICTED.

DURING THE DEBATES, REPUBLICAN REPRESENTATIVE P. FINDLEY OFFERED AN AMENDMENT TO THE BILL WHICH WOULD HAVE GIVEN PRESIDENT CARTER AUTHORITY TO SUSPEND THE PROVISIONS OF A GENERAL EMBARGO ON ARMS ASSISTANCE FOR TURKEY. THIS OFFER ALTHOUGH RECEIVING PARTIAL SUPPORT, WAS DEFEATED ON THE GROUNDS THAT THE TIMING OF THE AMENDMENT WOULD NOT PERMIT SUFFICIENT DEBATES AND THAT THE PRESIDENT DID NOT MAKE A REQUEST TO THAT END.

IT IS VERY SIGNIFICANT THAT THE OFFERED AMENDMENT TO THE BILL WAS REJECTED ON SUCH GROUNDS. THE TURKISH-US DEFENCE COOPERATION RELATIONSHIP HAS NOT YET REACHED ITS PROPER LEVEL DESPITE CERTAIN DEVELOPMENTS THAT CAME ABOUT DURING THE RECENT MONTHS. THE CONTINUATION OF THIS SITUATION WOULD BE REGRETTABLE AS FOR THE NEGATIVE IMPLICATIONS ON THE FUTURE OF THE TURKISH-US RELATIONS AND THE COMMON DEFENCE EFFORTS IN NATO. WHEN REGARDED FROM THIS POINT, WE CONSIDER THE DEFEAT OF THE AMENDMENT OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE FINDLEY AS LAST OPPOR-

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END TEXT. BENNETT

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